
Army National Guard Soldiers who receive 20 year Notice of Eligibility Letters (NOE's) have four options regarding their retirement. It is very important to choose the retirement option that is best for you and your family. The decision you make when selecting an option effects the retirement pay and benefits available to you during your retirement.

Stand By Reserve

- Soldiers that have a remaining contractual obligation will be sent to the IRR.
- Standby Reserve Soldiers can continue to perform **unpaid** training
- Soldiers will accumulate retirement points.
- Must earn a minimum of 50 retirement points per year



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National Guard Retirement Options



Retired Reserve

Soldiers can request discharge from the Army National Guard and be transferred to the Retired Reserve to await eligibility for retired pay.

By entering Retired Reserve

- Can be recalled for service
- Can receive help applying for retirement pay
- Earn Longevity (money earned for time in service)
- Earn Cost of living allowance (COLA)
- Do not earn Retirement points
- Cannot be promoted

Remain in the National Guard

Soldiers who wish to remain in the Army National Guard must continue to perform inactive duty training, annual training, and any other period of active service.

By remaining in ARNG

- Must earn a minimum of 50 retirement points yearly
- Earn Longevity (money earned for time in service)
- Earn COLA
- Can be promoted
- Continue to earn Retirement points

Discharge

Soldiers can request discharge from the Army National Guard without joining the Retired Reserve. This removes the potential for recall, but severs the ties with the military.

By Choosing Discharge

- No Military Obligation
- No help applying for pay
- No COLA can be earned
- Cannot Earn Longevity
- Cannot Earn Retirement Points
- Do not get a Retirement ID Card
- No Base Privileges